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L.D. 1710

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
111TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "*F*" to S.P. 592, L.D. 1710,
Bill, "AN ACT to Establish County Budget Committees."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 30 MRSA §253-A, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 229, §2, is amended to read:

§253-A. Specific line categories

The Legislature county commissioners shall have the power to change or alter specific line categories within the county estimates.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "§253-B." in the 4th line (page 4, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "budget committee" and inserting in their place the underlined words 'county commissioners'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated "§253-C." in the first paragraph in the 6th line (page 5, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "budget committee" and inserting in their place the underlined words 'county commissioners' and in the next to the last line by striking out the word "member" and inserting in its place the stricken out word 'member' and in the last line by striking out the underlined words "budget committee" and inserting in their place the underlined words 'county commissioners'

Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part designated "§254." in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 5, lines 28 and 29 in L.D.) by striking out all of the underlined words "by the budget committee" and in the

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1 9th line (page 5, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after
2 the word and punctuation "September." the following
3 underlined words and punctuation 'This apportionment
4 shall also reflect the effect of the county tax on
5 the municipal mil rate.'

6 Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part
7 designated "§254." in the first paragraph in the 6th
8 line from the end (page 6, line 1 in L.D.) by insert-
9 ing after the word and punctuation "collection." the
10 following underlined words and punctuation 'Any
11 municipality which assesses any tax which includes an
12 assessment representing that municipality's portion
13 of the county tax shall indicate on the tax bill that
14 portion of the assessment which is to be used for
15 county tax purposes.'

16 Further amend the bill in section 7 in the 3rd
17 line (page 6, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the
18 underlined word "COMMITTEE"

19 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part
20 designated "§1401." in the 4th and 5th lines (page 6,
21 lines 16 and 17 in L.D.) by striking out all of the
22 underlined words and punctuation ", which shall first
23 receive approval of a budget committee" and in the
24 7th line (page 6, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out
25 the underlined word "to" and inserting in its place
26 the underlined word 'of' and in the next to the last
27 line (page 6, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the
28 underlined words "budgets to" the following under-
29 lined words 'the county commissioners with the advice
30 of'

31 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part
32 designated "§1403." in subsection 1, paragraph B in
33 the 7th line from the end (page 7, line 32 in L.D.)
34 by striking out the underlined word "weighed" and
35 inserting in its place the underlined word 'weighted'

36 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part
37 designated "§1403." by inserting after subsection 1

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1 the following:

2 '2. Responsibilities. It is the responsibility
3 of the county budget committee to review the budget
4 estimates prepared by the county commissioners and to
5 make recommendations to the county commissioners con-
6 cerning a final county budget.'

7 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part
8 designated "§1403." by renumbering the subsections to
9 read consecutively.

10 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part
11 designated "§1405." in subsection 2 in the first
12 paragraph in the next to the last line (page 9, line
13 30 in L.D.) by striking out all of the underlined
14 words and punctuation "may increase, decrease, alter
15 or revise" and inserting in their place the under-
16 lined words and punctuation 'shall, within 30 days of
17 receipt of the proposed budget, make recommendations
18 to the county commissioners concerning the proposed
19 budget, including increases, decreases, alterations
20 or revisions to'

21 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part
22 designated "§1405." in subsection 2 in paragraph A in
23 the first and 2nd lines (page 9, lines 32 and 33 in
24 L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "enter
25 into its minutes" and inserting in their place the
26 underlined words 'include with its recommendations'

27 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part
28 designated "§1405." in subsection 3 in the first line
29 (page 10, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the under-
30 lined words "budget committee" and inserting in their
31 place the underlined words and punctuation 'county
32 commissioners, after receiving the recommendations of
33 the budget committee,' and in the 8th line (page 10,
34 line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined
35 word "budget" the underlined punctuation and words ',
36 along with the recommendations of the budget commit-
37 tee,' and in the last line (page 10, line 13 in L.D.)

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1 by inserting after the underlined word "budget" the
2 underlined words 'and the budget committee recom-
3 mendations.'

4 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part
5 designated "§1405." in subsection 4 by striking out
6 all of the first paragraph and inserting in its
7 place the following:

8 '4. Adoption of budget. After completion of the
9 public hearing, the county commissioners may further
10 increase, decrease, alter and revise the proposed
11 itemized budget, provided that:

12 A. The county commissioners shall enter into
13 their minutes a statement of the basis for any
14 rejection of any recommendation of the budget
15 committee; and

16 B. The total estimated revenues, together with
17 the amount of county tax to be levied, shall
18 equal the total estimated expenditures.

19 The proposed itemized budget shall be finally adopted
20 by a majority vote of the county commissioners at a
21 duly called meeting not later than the end of the
22 county's fiscal year. The approved budget shall be
23 the final authorization for the assessment of county
24 taxes. The county tax authorized shall be appor-
25 tioned and collected in accordance with section 254.'

26 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part
27 designated "§1406." in the 4th line from the end
28 (page 11, line 2 in L.D.) by inserting after the
29 underlined word and punctuation "it," the underlined
30 words 'make recommendations to the county commission-
31 ers who shall' and in the last line (page 11, line 5
32 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "budget
33 committee's" and inserting in their place the under-
34 lined words 'county commissioners'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this amendment is to provide that
3 the county commissioners shall have final approval
4 over the county budget. The budget committee will
5 make recommendations to the county commissioners.

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